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REMARKS

Applicant and applicant's attorney express appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent interview held on August 5, 2003. The amendments made to the claims and the following remarks are consistent with the proposals and amendments presented during the interview. Reconsideration and allowance for the above-identified application are now respectfully requested.

In the latest Office Action dated May 23, 2003, all of the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Harrison (U.S. Patent No. 5,694,163) in view of Celbiler (U.S. Patent No. 6,195,094).

By this paper, only the independent claims 1, 11, 20 and 26 have been amended.¹ No claims have been added or cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-21, 26-28 and 30-33 remain pending.

The claims are generally directed to displaying video signals and chat communications simultaneously within separate frames on a display in a plurality of selectable display modes, each mode defining the relative positions and sizes of the display frames.

With specific reference to independent claim 1, the selection of a link that is also displayed, causes at least one of the size and position of the chat frame to change (claim 1) into a second display mode that is still capable of displaying the chat communications. In claim 11, at least one of the size and position of a video signal frame is changed upon selection of the link, and while still displaying the video signal and chat. In the corresponding device claim (claim 22) and computer-readable medium claim (claim 26), the selection of the link can also cause the size or position of each of the first and second frames to change, while still displaying the chat communications and the video signals in the appropriate frames.

As discussed during the interview and as agreed upon by the Examiner, the amendments made to claim 1, which have correspondingly been made to the other independent claims, overcome the rejections and art of record. In particular, Harrison and Celbiler fail to anticipate or obviate, either singly or in combination, the recited methods, computer-readable medium and devices in which the selection of a link causes the display mode to change for a combined

¹ Applicant reserves the right to challenge the purported prior art status of the cited references at any appropriate time. Accordingly, any argument made herein regarding *Harrison* and *Celbiler* is made assuming *arguendo* that the references qualify as prior art, and should not be construed as acquiescence on the part of applicant in the status of the references as "prior" art in fact.

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display of a video signal frame and a chat communications frame, by changing either in the size or position of the frames, and wherein the frames in the changed display mode continue to display the corresponding video signals and chat communications.

In particular, Harrison discloses a method and system for inserting a television program TV signal into an encoded TV signal, such that the television program can be displayed in a first window and the chat encoded data can be displayed in a second window. Col. 2, ll. 56-65. Harrison fails, however, to disclose any method or system in which the relative size or position of the video and chat windows are modified in response to a selection of a link displayed at the display device. In fact, Harrison fails to disclose the changing of display modes at all.

Celebiler, on the other hand, fails to disclose or suggest any embodiment in which a chat frame and a video signal frame are displayed concurrently and in which such frames can be modified in different display modes. In fact, Celebiler fails to make any mention to video signals or chat communications at all. Instead, Celebiler is drawn to a basic window splitter bar system for modifying the panes of a single application (c.g., Excel), through the use of a splitter bar. Celebiler also discloses a button on the splitter bar that can be used to open and close the panes so that the splitter bar does not have to be dragged all the way open and closed to perform the same functionality. (Figs. 3 and 4; Col. 3, ll. 26-34; Col. 4, ll. 2-13).

In short, the foregoing references fail to disclose a method or device in which a video signal and chat communications are displayed in a first display mode at the display, which includes displaying the video signal in a first frame that has a corresponding size and position on the display, and which includes displaying the chat communications in a second frame having a corresponding size and display, wherein a link is also displayed for a second display mode that is different than the first display mode, and such that when the second link is selected, at least one of the size and position of second frame or the first frame changes, while still displaying the video and the chat.

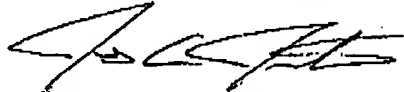
Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are neither anticipated nor made obvious by the art of record, and are now, therefore, in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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